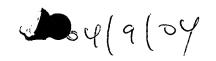


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Introductory Comments

In response to the Official Action dated 3/24/04 with a shortened statutory period of response set to expire 4/24/04, Applicant responds as follows:

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Dear Sir:

In the Office Action, the Examiner issued a three-way restriction under 35 USC §121. He found:

- Claims 1-18, drawn to architecture based instruction processing, classified in clas I. 712, subclass 200.
- II. Claims 19-26 and 30-31, drawn to processing control for data transfer, classified in class 712, subclass 225.
- Claims 27-29, drawn to conditional branching, classified in class 712, subclass III. 234.

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Applicant elects to proceed with claims 1-18 and hereby cancels claims 19-29. Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application, in view of the foregoing amendments.

Applicant earnestly requests the Examiner to telephone him at the direct dial number printed below if the Examiner has any questions or suggestions concerning the application or allowance of any claims thereof.

Respectfully submitted

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